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I beg to enclose copy
of M. L. H. Annual Report
as requested.

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Medical Officers' Annual Report 1903

Wm. C. Linder. M. O. H.
Walter

Area - 700 acres

Population 1887 (in 1901)

Geology - At the Cliffs, limestone & gypsum, in the neighbourhood lies clay, & marl, also beds of water carrying gravel.

Occupation - Paper Mills, flour Mills, also Harbour destroyed by storm in 1900. Now in course of reconstruction.

	1903	1902
Birth Rate per 1000 living	23.8	25.4
Death Rate per 1000 "	10.1	13.7
Infantile Rate .. " "	0.5	2.6
Infantile Mortality per 1000 births	133.1	104.8

Water Supply - There is a good and sufficient supply from a private company & except during dry seasons when it is cut off in the evening, but an unlimited supply could be obtained at a moderate cost.

Drainage & Sewerage Disposal - The present drains are old masonry drains, but in one lane they have been removed & 6 in socket pipes substituted properly cemented & connected with main drain.

Scavenging - Is not satisfactory - many ash pits stated in last year's report to be in bad condition have been repaired, & new one built where none previously existed.

Prevalence of Sickness, Notification - 25 cases notified. Scarlet Fever 13. Diphtheria 5. Erysipelas 4. Membranous Croup 1. Puerperal Fever 2. Scarlet Fever caused 1 death; Bronchitis 2.

Euteritis 1. Cancer 3. Premature Birth 1.
Meningitis 1. Chronic Otitis 1. Haemiplegia 2. Skull
Decay 4. Thoracic Aneurism 1. Marasmus 1.
Infantile Atrophy 1. Nasal Discharge (probably
part diphtheritic) 1.

Isolation Hospital. None

Disinfection. - Formalin fumigation has been
substituted for Sulphur owing to the objectional
odour of the latter.

Dairies. Slaughter Houses & Bake houses have
been inspected and found satisfactory, one
under ground bake house has been done away
with & new one built on different premises.
Housing of the working classes - Housework

above the average in size and accommodation.
Inspector of nuisances Report. The Medical
Officer has inspected Sanitary work detailed
in the Inspector's Book.

1903

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